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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROVIDING  
MULTIPLE SERVICES FROM ANY SLOT IN A  
SONET SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE SLOTS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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September 14, 2004

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

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This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

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**Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:**

Do NOT enter the After Final Amendment(s) previously filed on under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Enter as part of the present submission:

The After Final Amendment(s) previously filed on August 25, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the present application.

Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

A Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto. Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	TOTAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS BEING FILED HEREWITH	NUMBER EXTRA	Large Entity		Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	23	23 =		X 18	\$	X 9	\$
Independent Claims	4	4 =		X 86	\$	X 43	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			290	\$	145	\$	
				TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)		\$0.00	

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

Other: Formal Request For Interview.

**Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ( ) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)

Fees

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

\$385.00 - small entity

\$770.00 - large entity

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a month(s) extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of one (1) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on August 25, 2004 in the instant application.

The fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.

Enclosed is(are) check(s) in the total amount of \$770.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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